

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) A composition for providing protective immunity against *Streptococcus equi* infection following *Streptococcus equi* challenge comprising a live non-encapsulated attenuated *Streptococcus equi* in combination with an immunostimulant that stimulates mucosal immunity, wherein said immunostimulant is saponin.
- 3-4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 2, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).
6. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 2, wherein said saponin is in the amount of from about 1 to about 10 mg/ml of said composition.
7. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 2, wherein said saponin is in the amount of from about 3 to about 7 mg/ml of said composition.
8. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 2, wherein said saponin is in the amount of from about 4 to about 6 mg/ml of said composition.
- 9-15. (Canceled)
16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).
18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said *Streptococcus equi* is strain 709-27 (ATCC 53186).

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about  $10^5$  to about  $10^{11}$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about  $10^6$  to about  $10^{10}$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said attenuated *Streptococcus equi* is in the amount of from about  $10^7$  to about  $10^9$  Colony Forming Unit (CFU).

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) A method of stimulating an immune response to *Streptococcus equi* comprising contacting cells of the nasopharyngeal mucosa of an equine with a composition comprising a live non-encapsulated attenuated *Streptococcus equi* in combination with an immunostimulant that stimulates mucosal immunity, wherein said immunostimulant is saponin, and wherein the composition provides protective immunity against *Streptococcus equi* infection following *Streptococcus equi* challenge.

24. (Previously presented) A method for preventing at least one of the symptoms associated with *Streptococcus equi* infection in equine comprising administering nasally or by mouth to said equine an effective amount of a composition comprising a live non-encapsulated attenuated *Streptococcus equi* in combination with an immunostimulant that stimulates mucosal immunity, wherein said immunostimulant is saponin, and wherein the composition is suitable for providing protective immunity against *Streptococcus equi* infection following *Streptococcus equi* challenge.